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A SOFTWARE DEVICE TO FACILITATE CREATION OF MEDICAL RECORDS,

MEDICAL LETTER, & MEDICAL INFORMATION FOR BILLING PURPOSES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.105 Sir:

This communication responds to the Examiner's requirement for information under 37 C.F.R. §1.105 mailed January 5, 2005 for which a response is due March 7, 2005.

Applicant's reply is made with candor and good faith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

In the action the Examiner has required that Applicant provide any known publications by the Johns Hopkins University Electronic Patent Record User Group from 1996 to 1998 that are related to electronic patient records and the generation of billing codes.

In response to this requirement, Applicant submits herewith a PowerPoint presentation which provides an overview of an electronic medical records system. The PowerPoint presentation shows the electronic medical records system is not related to billing codes or the **Certificate of Mailing** 

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integration of billing codes with chart notes. Diagnostic codes from ICD-9 (International Classification of Diseases - 9) are used with the medical records system, not billing codes. An example of a diagnostic code (345.41) appears on slide 35. In the electronic medical records system, complex partial seizures have a code 345.41, just as, for example, John Smith might have the social security number of 111-11-1111. There are <u>no</u> calculations involved in the electronic medical records system.

The Examiner has noted that the fee and certification requirements under 37 C.F.R. §1.97 are waived for the documents submitted in reply to the present requirement, therefore no fee is enclosed herewith.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and timely notice of which is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or would like to discuss any remaining or new issues regarding this communication, Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned representative of Applicant at (949) 718-6750.

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Respectfully submitted,

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